¶ A Prognostication for the yeare of our Lorde God M.D.LXXVI.

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¶ A necessary and perfit rule to know the beginning and ending of euery Terme, wyth their Returnes.

*Hillarie Terme, beginneth the .xxiij. of Januarie, if it be not Sundaye, which then is deferred vntyll the next daye after, and endeth the .xij. of Febr uarye, and hath foure Returnes, that is to saye:

Octabis Hillarij. } { Crastino Purific.
Quind. Hillarij. } { Octabis Purific.

* Easter Terme, begynneth .xv. dayes after Easter, and endeth the Monday next after the Ascention day, and hath fiue returnes, that is to saye:

Quind. Pasch. } Mense. { Quinq; Paschæ.
Tres Paschæ. } Paschæ. { Crast. Ascention.

*Trinitie Terme, beginneth the Friday e next after Trinitie sunday, and endeth the wednesday fortnight after, and hath foure returnes, that is to say:

Crast. Trinitatis. } { Quind. Trinitat.
Octabis Trinitat. } { Tres Trinitat.

*Michaelmas Terme, beginneth the .ix. day of October, if it be not sunday, and endeth the .xxvij. of November, and hath .vij. Returnes, that is to saye:

Octabis Micha. } { Crast. Anima.
Quind Michaël. } { Crast. Martini.
Tres Michaël. } { Octa. Martini.
Mense Michaël. } { Quind. Martini.

Note also that the Eschequer openeth eyght dayes before anye Terme beginne, excepte Trinitie Terme, which openeth but foure dayes before.

Thirtie dayes hath September, Aprill, Iune, & Nouember. February hath .xxviij. alone: And all the rest thirty & one.

¶ To the gentle Reader.

NOwe gentle Reader, this poore ſimple Pamphlet of myne, I haue made and prepared to be gyuen and diſtributed as a New yeres gift, not to one man alone, but to all men in generall, deſiring euery one in his degree, to take it well a worth, and accept it, as proceeding from one, although but of little power and ſmall knowledge, yet endeuouring himſelfe to pleaſe and ſatiſfie euerye man. (not onely in this poynt, but in all other things alſo, and chiefly concerning his vocation) to the vttermoſt of his power. And although ſome perhaps may ſay vnto me, that this thing is no gift, that, whoſoeuer will haue it, muſt buy it, & pay money for it to the Prynter, or to the Booke-ſeller: but what great ſomme I praye you? A Ryall, or a crowne? No verily, but onely twoo poore pence, or three pence at the moſt. And ſuch a ſmall ſomme I beleeue no man will waygh, for he is ſure to haue ſomwhat (although it be but little) for hys money, whereas if he chaunce to play at Cards or Tables, he may leeſe many times a great deale of money, and yet haue nothing for hys labour. Therefore I thinke, no wyſe man will waygh or eſteme ſo ſmall a price, of a thing, that maye pleaſure him a whole yeare, Thus much I haue ſpoken, bicauſe that a certaine fellowe once (who made no ſmall accompt of his owne learning) made much a doe, concerning our Almanackes, and was not aſhamed to ſay, that money was but caſt awaye vpon them: yea, & more than that, he ſayde that the ſelling of them was but a pycking of pence out of ones purſe. But how honeſtly and truely he ſpake it, I reporte mee to all men that be of any good conſideration and indifferent iudgement. God amende him, if he be alyue. And now gentle Reader I leaue to trouble thee any longer. God graunt vs all a true and lyuely fayth.

Amen.

¶ Certayne obſeruations concerning Phiſicke.

When the weather is extreame whot, or exceéding colde, it is not then good to purge or to let bloude, vnleſſe that ſome great neceſſitie doe require it.

Item no part of mans bodye ought to bee touched with any Chirurgicall inſtrumẽt, or Cauteri, actuall, or potential, when the Sunne or Mone, or the Lord of the aſcendent is in the ſame ſigne that ruleth that part of mans bodie.

Alſo Gemini, Leo, the laſt halfe of Libra, and the firſt xij. degreés of Scorpius, with Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorne, are not good for letting of bloude.

Moreouer, Gliſters and gentle lenitiue purgations may be miniſtred at all tymes without daunger.

And as concerning letting of bloude, I ſay that if it be for the Peſtilence, the Phrenſie, the Pluriſie, the Squtnancie: for a continuall burning Ague, a continuall or great head ache proceéding of Choler or bloud, or for any extreame payne, a man may not tary for a choſen day by the Almanacke, bycauſe the patient might dye in the meane ſpace, but incontinently with all ſpeéde, he muſt be let bloud vnleſſe he be very weake, & lyke to ſownde: except alſo the Mone be in the ſame ligne that ruleth that part of mans bodye.

Yet notwithſtanding all theſe rules aforeſayde, I would not wiſh that any man ſhoulde truſt to much to the vnlearned Chirurgion for letting of bloude, vnleſſe that he haue firſt the conſent and counſell of ſome good and learned Phiſition: for in ſuch a caſe there be many things to be weyghed and conſidered.

¶ Of

¶ Of the Winter, being the laſt part of the yeare. 1575.

The Winter being the laſt part of this yeare 1575. commonly taken notwithſtanding to be the firſt part of this preſent Leape yeare 1576. hath his beginning the xij. daye of December in the aforeſayde laſt yeare. 1575. iuſt at vj. of the clocke at night, when as the Sunne entreth into the firſt ſcruple or minute of Capricorne, cauſing then the Wynter ſolſtice, that is, the ſhorteſt day, and the longeſt night in the whole yeare.

Venus in this quarter, is the Lady of the aſcendent, which is the firſt part of Taurus, a colde and drie ſigne: ſhe being the daye before in the quartile aſpect with the Moone, the Moone being then in the trine aſpect with Iupiter, and the xij. day in the tryne aſpect both of Saturne and the Sunne. All the Planetes being in drie ſignes, except onely Mars.

Whereby I iudge that this winter, at the firſt will be verye colde, with much froſt and ſnowe: the middle part will be alſo verye colde, inconſtant, watriſhe and windie: and in the latter part ſhall be abundance of waters, mightie and terrible windes, with ſome temperate and fayre dayes nowe and then.

¶ A diſcourſe and declaration of the whole yeare Aſtronomicall. 1576. compriſed in one Reuolution, and ſo by this meanes contayning and including in it the iiij. quarters, the Spring, the Summer, the fall of the leafe, and the Winter.

The Reuolution of this yeare. 1576. wherein is comprehended the firſt quarter Aſtronomicall, otherwiſe

called the Spring tyme, hath his beginning the xj. daye of Marche, at two of the clocke in the morning, at what tyme in Sunne entreth into the first minute of Aries, signe equinoctiall.

The Spring tyme hath thrée monethes, and continueth vntill the xj. daye of June, and almost vij. of the clocke after noone.

The Sommer beginneth at the same xj. day of June, and hath also thrée monethes, continuing vntill the xiij. day of September, at vj. of the clocke in the morning.

At the same very houre, the Autumne or fall of the leafe beginneth, hauing also thrée monethes, continuing vntill the xj. day of December at noone.

At the same xj. daye of December at noone, beginneth the Winter, being the last quarter Astronomicall, contayning thrée monethes, and endeth in the yeare. 1577. the xj. day of Marche, at foure of the clocke in the morning.

In the Reuolution of this yeare, I finde Saturne to be Dominator Ascendentis, which is the first part of Aquarius, and the Sunne to be Lorde of the Reuolution.

Considering well the state of this yeare, and specially of the former part, I sée not but that it will be giuen to much inconstancie, alteration, and trouble: and that all agreeing thinges shall séeme at the first to make a fayre show of a good plentifull yeare towarde, but yet afterwarde by reason of certayne yll windes, vermine, much altemperate weather, and also great drougth in the Summer, they shall suffer much, whereby the yéelding and store shall be the lesse.

As concerning other matters, I suppose that great discention, diuision, mischiefe, vprores, spoyling, killing, and robbing, shall happen in diuers countries. For this threatneth not onely the thrée euill quartile aspectes of the superiour Planets, that we haue in March, but also

so (and that chiefly) the great and terrible coniunction of Saturne and Mars, that is the xix day of Marche, thys yeare iust at noone. Howbeit, Venus being in the Ascendent, and opposite to the Moone with Iupiter, will somewhat mittigate the matter.

The Eclipse of the Sunne that wee had the yeare 1574. taketh yet his effect almost all this yeare, yea, and the next yeare too, by Leouitius iudgement: which effect, what and how it is, I declared playnely and largely ynough in my last yeares Prognostication. Wherefore I neede not here to repeate it agayne.

¶ Of the diseases that are lyke to reygne in generall, all this yeare.

AS touching diseases that shall reygne this yeare, they are lyke to be of diuers sortes, and chiefly (by reason of the intollerable and feruent heate of the Summer) they shall be hot burning Agues of all sorts, Pleurisies, Squinancies, Phrensies passions of the hart and stomacke, with swounding, payne in the heade, in the eyes, eares, throate, gummes, & teeth. Also great Laskes, bloudie flyxe, great bleeding at the nose, Pestilence, Sweating disease, Itches, Scabbes, Byles, and hote Apostumes.

The winter diseases will be Goutes, Palsies, Apoplexies, Crampes, shortnesse of breath called Asthma, spitting of bloude, Cholicke, payne in the stomacke, in the sides, reynes, and bladder. &c.

The diseases hoppening in the fall of the leafe, wyll be most part of the aforesayde, but specially quartayne Agues, Oppilations, and Apostumes of the splene, vlcerations in the mouth, in the reynes, in the bladder, & the Matrixe, Leprosies, Morphewes, drie Scurfes, great scabbes, blacke and yelow Iaundise, the Hamorrhoides, and such lyke diseases ingendred of great adustion and

corruption of blonde.

As touching Occupyers, Marchants, and trauelers both by lande and by water: and also Parteners, they (as farre as I perceyue) are lyke to prosper well ynough this yeare, and haue good gaynes by their occupying and trafficke. vnlesse that Master Marsin vndecima domo, doe lowre vpon them, and somewhat hynder them.

Saturne being Lorde of the yeare, and orientall, when as he is placed in Capricorne, signifieth but little rayne. Also the trouble and great feare that shall fall vpon some kinde of men: and that they shall not deale well wyth the meaner sort of people. He sheweth also that the good and vertuous men and women must beware of priuye and secret enimyes, and of all those that vseth falshode, flattering, dissimulation, craftie dealing, poysoning, and priuie conspiracie: for the sayde Saturne is in malo loco, nempe duodecimo, loco inimicorum occultorum, & in gaudio suo. Hee sheweth also the hurt, destruction, and death of the greater kynde of beastes, as Horses, Mules, Camels, Beares, Asses, Oxen, and Kine, and also redde Deare.

Iupiter in Leone existens, signifieth in the wynter the greater colde, the increase of waters, and ryuers, great wyndes and terrible, ouerthrowing trées and houses. In the Spring tyme hee will cause oftentymes rayne and oute of season (which wyll bring ouer the more grasse and pasture for Cattell and beastes in the wynter folowing) yet will hee be a meane and helpe to make a prosperous and fruitfull yeare ynough in other things. His situation also being in the vij. house from the horoscope, sheweth that manye women shall prosper well in their affayres, and haue good successe in many thinges as in mariage, in buying and selling, in trauelyng abroade, and in all other honest businesse.

Mars

Mars in Sagittario, doe signifie warre in partibus pedi-duis, scarcitie of wyne, euill lucke to the inhabitauntes, with daunger of death, diuers and sundrie diseases, as Coughes, payne in the eyes, breeding of wormes in chil-dren, (whereby they shall dye) the elder sort shall be also troubled with them. Item, he foreshewth sodeyne death, Pestilence to them that dwell by the sea syde. Tertian Agues, and other strong and feruent Agues. He sheweth also robbers and theeues watching the hygh wayes, shedding of mans blonde, spoyling by fire, and hurt by thunder and lightning.

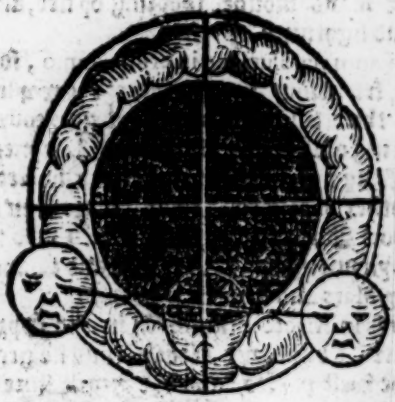
Venus in anni reuolutione in prima domo, foreshewth the amitie, friendship, and pastime of the people one with another: their vsing of braue and gorgeous apparell, their wearing of Ouches, Breeches, Chaynes, Brace-lets, and Rings of golde, vsing besides, sweete Pomanders, and other odoriferous things, more than they were wont to doe. She also signifieth much good to the peo-ple, and wyll mittigate the troubles and calamities pro-nounced by Mars and Saturne.

Mercurius in Ariete, signifieth in the Spring tyme, and Wynter, abundance of rayne, and no great store of corne in the west partes: and but meane store of wynes, and that bigge and mightie windes shall rise, causing some hurt, and that many children shall die. But to bre-thren, sisters, and kynsefolke, in agreeing, and louing well togither one with another, he promiseth much ioye and comfort, so that they may merily sing: Ecce quam bo-num, & quam iucundum, habitare fratres in vnum. How-beit, I beleeue that this verse is chiefly to be vnderstan-ded of all good Christians that be or shoulde be knit to-gither in the vnitie of godly peace and loue.

Catabibazon in Scorpio, pronounceth many Agues diseases of the breast and Lunges, and abundaunce of Rhewmes, of the which, some wyll fall downe in the throte

throate. Also it signifieth the ioye of some riche men, as well in warre as in peace, but of some other, the decaye and hinderaunce.

¶ Of the Eclipse of the Moone that shall be this yeare. 1576.



This yeare. 1576. there shall be an Eclypse of the Moone, the vij. day of October at tenne of the clocke xxvj. minutes at night. The Moone shall be eclipsed, of lose of hir lyght, tenne poyntes, and xlij. minutes. And shall begin to enter into the shadowe of the earth, about ix. of the clock, and fortie minutes, and be at hir greatest darckenesse betweene tenne and eleuen of the clock, and so shall be ended halfe an houre after eleuen of the clock at night, so that the whole time of hir darckening, from the

the beginning to the ende, is almost two houres. The effect of this Eclipse, shall begin the next yeare 1577. about the latter ende of Marche, and shall be ended the latter ende of Maye.

The Lord of this Eclypse, is the fierie Planet Mars and the Lorde of the Ascendent is Mercurius. I iudge by this Eclipse, that great mortalitie shall happen both to men, beastes, and fishes. For besides that, the sayde Mars is Lorde of the place of the Eclypse, which is Aries, one of his mansion places: He is Lorde and ruler also of the vj. house, the house of sickenesse, with the participation of Saturne. Hee occupyeth also locum magni infortunij, the house of death as a chiefe forte and castell, being there readie bent to hurt, spoyle, kyll, and destroy whatsoeuer thing shall feele and taste hys furious indignation and influence.

Verily I cannot see, but that in diuers other thinges this Eclipse wyll be verye hurtfull, and cause much trouble. For whereas the two mightie and malcuolent Planetes Saturne and Mars, are both direct and strongly placed: the benevolent Planets (on the contrarie) are in as yll a case. For Iupiter is in Virgo a feminine signe, in domo cadente sub terra: Venus and Mercurius are both combust. As for the Sunne, he is in the place of his fall.

Therefore I conclude that a great part of the people shall suffer the smart and influence of this Eclipse.

I finde also by the opinion of some learned Authors, that this Eclipse will cause discension and strife betweene some kynde of men, with daunger of death to them by sickenesse. Also great wyndes, meteors, and prouocations to warre, robbing, stealing, murthering, and the committing of vyle and lecherous facts.

¶ Thus much of the Eclipse.

Addi-

Additiunculæ.

Semper antehac monui, & iterum atque iterum moneo, authoritate præcipuorum Astronomorum, nihil vrgere in nos astra, sed iam procliues trahere, qui sic tamen liberi sumus, vt si ducem sequamur rationem (malim ego dicere, si diuinum affatum sequamur) nihil efficiant: Si verò naturam (i. concupiscentiam, seu appetitum brutum) id agere quod in brutis ferè.

That is in Englishe.

I haue alwayes heretofore giuen warning, and affirmed, and doe nowe agayne affirme, by the authoritie of the chiefe Astronomers, that the Starres and Planets doe not vrge and compell vs to doe any thing, but doe drawe and moue vs, being alreadie bent and disposed: yet notwithstanding, we are so free, and at our owne libertie, that if we followe reason (I had rather saye, if we followe the inspiration and will of GOD) they can doe nothing. But if we followe nature (I expounde it, the concupiscence or fleshly lust) they wyll in a maner cause and prouoke that thing in vs, that they doe in beastes.

Galenus lib. 3. de diebus decretorijs.

Omnia in hoc orbe, à cœlestibus, decus, ornamentumq; capessunt.

All things in this worlde (I vnderstande concerning bodily things) taketh their beautie and decent comelynesse of the superiour or heauenlye bodyes, as of the seconde causes, subaudio.

Agayne

Agayne in the ſame booke.

Sol maximè hunc orbem exornat, & concinnè diſponit. Magna ſanè & Lunæ opera in hac rerum ſubſtantia apparent.

The Sunne chiefly adorneth and beautifieth, and alſo doe trimly diſpoſe and order this worlde, yea, and the operations of the Moone doe appeare to be great in this ſubſtaunce of thinges.

Agayne he ſayth.

Omnia quæ Luna facere nota eſt, vbi falcis figuram repreſentat, languida fiunt: Inualeſcunt omnia, quum plena fuerit.

All the effectes that the Moone is wont to doe, are but weake, when ſhe reſembleth the figure or ſorme of a ſickle (that is, three or foure dayes before the firſt quarter, and three or foure dayes after the laſt) when ſhe is full, then all thinges taketh more force.

Item in the ſame booke.

Luna non modò ægris, ſed etiam ſanis, dies quales tandem futuri ſint, poteſt prænunciari.

The Moone may ſoreſhew, not onely to the ſicke, but alſo to the healthy, the nature and qualities of the dayes what they ſhall be.

Hippocrates. lib. de aere, aquis, & locis.

Non minimam partem confert ad rem medicam ipſa Aſtronomia, ſed omnino plurimam.

Aſtronomie doth not a little helpe Phiſicke, but verye

rye much.

Cardanus in 1. Segmento Aphorismorum Astrono.

Dei altissimi cælum est instrumentum, quo inferiora agit, impellit, regitq;.

The heauen is the instrument of the most high God, by the which he doth moue, stirre, and rule the inferior things. Yet we must beleeue that he may and doth many times worke without the heauen, or seconde causes, as it is euident by the scriptures.

Gulielmus Postellus in lib. qui inscribitur, Asterismus, seu cælum repurgatum.

Est usu medicorum obseruatum, vt si sole stante in aliquo Signorum, aliquod vulnus aut morbus accidat partibus corporis quas regunt illa Signa, tunc ægrè curationem admittit. Præterea non debere (si possit fieri) tunc illas partes medicamentis tentari.

It is knowne by vse and practise of the Phisitions, that at what tyme the Sonne is in any signe, if the part of the bodie (which that signe doth gouerne) be vexed with any wounde or sickenesse, that then (if you take it in hande) the cure of it will be hardly done. Therefore if it may in any wyse be deferred, that part ought not then to be troubled with any medicines.

Hippocrates lib. 1. Aphor.

Homana breuis, longa ars, occasio præceps:
Est πεῖρα σφαλερή, iudicium haud facile.
Mans lyfe is short, the Art is long.
Occasion is soone gone.

Experience

Experience oft is daungerous,
a perfite Judge is none.

¶ An obſeruation and note for euery Moneth of this yeare. 1576. contayning the daungerous dayes and nights, to take any ſickeneſſe, or to be ſicke in, whereby euery man may take heede to himſelfe, and prouide in time for ſpeedye remedie.

¶ Of Ianuarie.

The v. daye and night. The x. all night. The xiij. all the forenone. The xv. at night. The xxiij. all night. The xxvj. all the daye. The laſt day all night.

¶ Of Februarie.

The ſeconde all night. The viij. all the day. The ix. all the night. The xiij. all day and night. The xv. all night. The xxj. xxij. both dayes and nightes. The xxix. all night.

¶ Of Marche.

The vij. all night. The viij. all daye. The xiij. The xx. a daungerous daye. The xxj. as daungerous. The xxviij. The xxix.

¶ Of Aprill.

The iij. all daye and night. The xj. The xvij. all night. The xviij. all night. The xx. The xxiij. all night. The xxvj.

¶ Of Maye.

The firſt all night. The ij. all day. The vij. at night. The xiij. all night. The xvj. all night. The xvij. vntill night. The xxij. The xxiij. The xxviij. day and night.

The

The xxx. all night.

¶ Of Iune.

The iiij. The vj. The x. all night. The xj. The xiij. The xvij. The xx. all night. The xxv. the xxvj. all night.

¶ Iulye.

The vij. all night. The viij. The ix. all night. The x. all day and night. The xv. all night. The xxij. The xiij. all night. The xxv. The xxviij. The xxix. at night.

¶ Of Auguſt.

The iij. The v. all night. The xj. all night. The xij. all night. The xiij. vntill none. The xx. The xxiij. all night. The xxvj. at night. The xxxj.

¶ Of September.

The ſeconde. The vij. all night. The x. The xv. vntill night. The xvij. The xxj. The xxiij. at night. The xxvij. all night. The xxviij. The xxx. all night.

¶ Of October.

The v. The vij. daungerous by reaſon of the Eclipſe The xij. The xv. at night. The xviij. all night. The xxij. The xxv. The xxvj. The xxix. all night.

¶ Of Nouembe.

The vj. The viij. all night. The ix. vntill afternoone. The xiij. The xv. The xix. all night. The xx. The xxij. The xxiij. all night. The xxx.

¶ Of December.

The v. The vi. The xij. all night. The xviij. all night. The xxij. daye and night. The xxvj. all night. The xxviij. vntill night.

FINIS.

Laus Deo.

¶ God ſaue our Queene Elizabeth, and graunt hir grace, long and proſperouſly to raygne ouer vs. Amen.